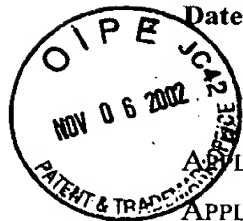


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APPLICANT(S): Patricia Grasso *et al.*

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- ☒ Amendment (9 pages);
- ☒ Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate);
- ☒ Two checks: check #14582 in the amount of \$460.00; check #14583 in the amount of \$370.00; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/377,081. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is an amendment. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 (c). With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, applicants believe that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn. Applicant is a small entity.

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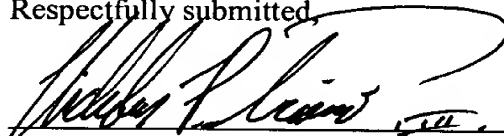
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No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this RCE. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19705-001. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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